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Classified By: Ambassador Richard LeBaron for reasons 1.4(b) and (d).

¶1. (C/NF) At a June 26 meeting with Foreign Minister Shaykh Dr. Mohammed Al-Sabah, Ambassador delivered reftel points noting the Administration strongly opposed and might veto the NOPEC legislation passed by Congress. Ambassador added that statements by some OPEC members that there was no supply problem and that supplies would not be increased combined with the current near record petroleum prices had made opposition to the legislation more difficult. The Minister accepted the observations mentioning the problematic stances of Iran and Venezuela.

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